

## EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

### Notice of Intended Action

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 22, “Authorizations,” Iowa Administrative Code.

2010 Iowa Acts, House File 2461, requires the Board to establish a new authorization for school business officials. The amendments proposed herein are intended to meet the new statutory requirements.

A waiver provision is not included. The Board has adopted a uniform waiver rule.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendments. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments before 4 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2011. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, at the above address, or sent by E-mail to [kim.cunningham@iowa.gov](mailto:kim.cunningham@iowa.gov), or by fax to (515)281-7669.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 272.31.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Renumber rule **282—22.3(272)** as **282—22.4(272)**.

ITEM 2. Adopt the following new rule 282—22.3(272):

#### **282—22.3(272) School business official authorization.**

**22.3(1) Application for authorization.** Effective July 1, 2012, a person who is interested in a school business official authorization will be required to apply for an authorization.

**22.3(2) Responsibilities.** A school business official authorization allows an individual to perform, supervise, and be responsible for the overall financial operation of a local school district.

**22.3(3) Application process.** Any person interested in the school business official authorization shall submit records of credit to the board of educational examiners for an evaluation in terms of the required courses or contact hours. Application materials are available from the office of the board of educational examiners, online at <http://www.boee.iowa.gov/>, or from institutions or agencies offering approved courses or contact hours.

**22.3(4) Specific requirements for an initial school business official authorization.** Applicants for an initial school business official authorization shall have completed the following requirements:

a. Education. Applicants must have a minimum of an associate’s degree in business or accounting or 60 semester hours of coursework in business or accounting of which 9 semester hours must be in accounting.

If the applicant has not completed 9 semester hours in accounting but has 6 or more semester hours in accounting, the applicant may be issued a temporary school business official authorization valid for one year.

(1) A temporary initial school business official authorization may be issued if requested by the district. A district administrator may file a written request with the executive director for an exception to the minimum content requirements on the basis of documented need and benefit to the district. The executive director will review the request and provide a written decision either approving or denying the request.

(2) If the 9 semester hours of accounting are not completed within the time allowed, the applicant will not be eligible for the initial school business official authorization.

(3) If the applicant received a temporary school business authorization, then the initial school business authorization shall not exceed one year.

b. Minimum age. Applicants must have attained a minimum age of 18 years.

c. Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. Applicants must have successfully completed an Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

d. National criminal history background check. Applicants must have successfully completed a national criminal history background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

**22.3(5) *Specific requirements for a standard school business official authorization.***

a. A standard school business official authorization will be valid for three years and may be issued to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in subrules 22.3(3) to 22.3(5).

b. Requirements.

(1) Applicants must complete 9 semester hours or the equivalent (1 semester hour is equivalent to 15 contact hours) in an approved program in the following areas/competencies:

1. Accounting (GAAP) concepts: fund accounting, account codes, Uniform Financial Accounting.

2. Accounting cycles: budgets, payroll/benefits, purchasing/inventory, cash, receipts, disbursements, financial reporting, investments.

3. Technology: management of accounting systems, proficiency in understanding and use of systems technology and related programs.

4. Regulatory: Uniform Administrative Procedures Manual, school policies and procedures, administrative procedures, public records law, records management, school law, employment law, construction and bidding law.

5. Personal skills: effective communication and interpersonal skills, ethical conduct, information management, ability to analyze and evaluate, ability to recognize and safeguard confidential information, and accurate and timely performance.

(2) Applicants shall demonstrate completion of or competency in the following:

1. A board of educational examiners ethics program.

2. A mentoring program as described in 281—Chapter 81.

3. The promotion of the value of the school business official's fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayer.

**22.3(6) *Validity.***

a. The initial school business official authorization shall be valid for two years from the date of employment.

b. The standard school business official authorization shall be valid for three years, and it shall expire three years from the date of issuance on the last day of the practitioner's birth month.

**22.3(7) *Renewal.*** The authorization may be renewed upon application and verification of successful completion of:

a. Renewal activities.

(1) In addition to the child and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training listed below, the applicant for renewal must complete 4 semester hours of credit or the equivalent contact hours (1

semester hour is equivalent to 15 contact hours) within three years, with a minimum of 1 semester hour or its equivalent completed in each year of the authorization.

(2) Failure to complete requirements for renewal in each calendar year will require petition for waiver from the board. The applicant must petition the board for waiver of the annual requirement.

*b.* Child and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training. Every renewal applicant must submit documentation of completion of the child and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training approved by the state abuse education review panel. A waiver of this requirement may apply under any of the following appropriately documented conditions:

(1) The person is engaged in active duty in the military service of this state or of the United States.

(2) The application of this requirement would impose an undue hardship on the person for whom the waiver is requested.

(3) The person is practicing in a licensed profession outside this state.

(4) The person is otherwise subject to circumstances that would preclude the person from satisfying the approved child and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training in this state.

(5) The person has previously renewed a license or another authorization issued by the board of educational examiners and, at that time, reported the completion, within the past five years, of child and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training approved by the state abuse education review panel.

**22.3(8) *Revocation and suspension.*** Criteria of professional practice and rules of the board of educational examiners shall be applicable to the holders of the school business official authorization.

**22.3(9) *Approval of courses.*** Each institution of higher education, private college or university, merged area school or area education agency and professional organization that wishes to offer the semester credit hours or contact hours for the school business official authorization must submit course descriptions for each offering to the board of educational examiners for approval. After initial approval, any changes by agencies or institutions in course offerings shall be filed with the board of educational examiners.